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EDITORIAL

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VIROLOGY was the theme around which the scientific program of the 94th Annual Session of the California Medical Association was developed. Whether this was a magic word or the meeting just well planned and programed would be difficult to decide. Either way, the meeting was adjudged a huge success.

This year the Scientific Board of the Association began realizing its original dream of being able to plan in advance for the programs of annual sessions to come. The board is likewise beginning to see the advantage of working in conjunction with a number of specialty groups for the development of programs which will attract specialists and simultaneously can be of such widespread scientific implications that it will appeal to the entire CMA membership.

It is not our purpose here to present a diary of activities in the planning of an Annual Session program. It is, however, worthwhile to point out the volume of time, talent and effort required to put together a medical meeting which attracts more than 2,600 physicians. At the same time, it is fitting that the California Medical Association recognize the valuable work performed by some of its members in preparing for this annual galaxie.

It is also fitting that the Scientific Board be applauded for having this year come so close to its dream of broadening the scientific vista of the Association, of ample advance planning and of cooperation with specialty groups in the interests of

presenting a well-rounded program of universal interest.

On the business side of the meeting, functions of the House of Delegates were carried out with a maximum of efficiency and a minimum of waste effort. Meetings of the House of Delegates were scheduled for Saturday evening, when all routine matters were handled, for Tuesday afternoon's elections and for Wednesday's consideration of reference committee reports.

Resolutions presented to the House of Delegates totaled 70, a sharp decrease from the past few years. All were handled by appropriate reference committees and reports of the committees were distributed in ample time for consideration by delegates in advance of their presentation on the floor.

Elections by the House of Delegates elevated Doctor James C. MacLaggan, San Diego, to the office of President-Elect. Ralph C. Teall, Sacramento, succeeded James C. Doyle, Beverly Hills, as President.

To serve as members of the Council, the councilor districts chose Roger Isenhour of San Diego to succeed Doctor MacLaggan; Frank C. Melone, Ontario, to fill a new office created by membership growth in the area, Ralph W. Burnett, Bakersfield, to succeed John F. Murray, Fresno, and James H. Yant, Sacramento, to succeed Dave F. Dozier.

In addition to these Councilor selections the House of Delegates approved a Constitutional amendment which places the immediate past president on the Council for one year and another which gives a vote to the Council representative of the Scientific Board.

Making an early bid to go on to an even greater success than this year's Annual Session, the Scientific Board has chosen "Current Concepts in Therapy: Point and Counterpoint" as the theme for the 1966 meeting and is already at work building a program around it. Particular attention will be given to three divisions within this broad theme—Coronary Artery Disease, Renal Failure, and Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage.